



**Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission
Children's Justice Committee
Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family**

1700 West Washington Street, Suite 230, PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007

A meeting of the Children's Justice Committee was convened August 22, 2018, at the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family, 1700 West Washington St. Suite 230, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, notice having been duly given.

Members Present (6)	
Christina Schopen, Co-Chair	Leslie Quinn
Cindi Nannetti	Donald Walker
Jeff Hood	Jane Kallal
Staff/Guests Present (4)	Members Absent (2)
Steve Selover, GOYFF	James Molina, Co-Chair
Rebecca Chesley, GOYFF	Shawn Cox
Wendi Malmgren, Americorps Vista	
Sue Micetic, Americorps Vista	

Call to Order

- **Ms. Christina Schopen**, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m. with six members and four staff present.

Introductions

- **Ms. Schopen**, Co-Chair, asked members and staff to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes

- **Ms. Schopen**, Co-Chair, requested a motion to approve the September 5, 2017 meeting minutes.
 - **Dr. Leslie Quinn** motioned to approve the minutes as stated.
 - **Ms. Jane Kallal** seconded the motion.
- The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Children's Justice Committee Purpose/Vision

Three Year Assessment

- **Mr. Steve Selover** provided committee members with a copy of the 2018 recommendations as developed by the Children's Justice Task Force in May 2018.
- **Mr. Selover** provided a brief account of the process to develop the recommendations, including the procurement of information from the Department of Child Safety and the Arizona Child and Family Advocacy Network (ACFAN), and stated that these recommendations would serve as the basic framework for the activities to be conducted over the next three years by the Children's Justice Task Force. It was also explained that additional projects could be identified during this timeframe as various contingencies emerge.

GOYFF Trauma-Informed/ACEs Efforts

- **Ms. Sue Micetic** provided an overview of the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family role in trauma and ACEs awareness through ensuring all appropriate providers and organizations in Arizona receive adequate training.
- **Ms. Micetic** added that GOYFF would connect providers with various trauma-informed and ACEs related community resources, which could include curricula and training opportunities.
- **Ms. Kallal** noted that there is a high demand in some communities for resources to support increasing awareness of ACEs.
- **Ms. Schopen**, Co-Chair, asked if she and others who work around the state could provide them with a GOYFF contact for resources. Ms. Micetic advised that the GOYFF mission of expanding ACEs awareness is still in development, but the objective is for GOYFF to assume this role in the near future. In addition, a GOYFF sponsored website to support these efforts is expected to be functional by the following year.
- **Ms. Rebecca Chesley** acknowledged it would be helpful to ask communities what their unique needs are to inform GOYFF. **Ms. Kallal** provided an example of information gathering by advising a Family Involvement Center meeting with foster care parents will take place, which should yield a better understanding of foster parent needs.
- **Ms. Rachel Mitchel** recommended reaching out to mental health providers to suggest they advise adult patients of the long-term effects of ACEs.

Committee Membership Discussion

- **Ms. Schopen** opened the discussion on recruiting additional membership for the Children's Justice Committee. **Mr. Selover** advised additional members outside the commission could be appointed to the committee, and asked for recommendations relating to the individuals and/or organizations that should be represented in this group.
- **Mr. Jeff Hood** advised that based on the discussions related to ACEs and trauma-informed approaches, a mental health professional or regional behavioral health administration (RBHA) representative should be recruited.
- Committee members agreed to pursue representation by the ACEs consortium, the education system, a juvenile court judge, a family advocacy center director, and a representative from the Arizona Attorney General's Office.

Children's Justice Programming

Children's Justice Coordinators

Children's Justice Training

- **Ms. Chesley** provided an overview of the currently funded Children's Justice Act grant funds.
- **Ms. Schopen**, Co-Chair, advised of an error in a funded program description. Mr. Selover stated that the error will be corrected.
- **Ms. Schopen**, Co-Chair, inquired of the online mandatory reporting training and advised that promoting this opportunity in the community would be beneficial.

Children's Justice Coordinators Training

- **Ms. Schopen**, Co-Chair, stated a day of training will be conducted in October to train CJs on the fundamental duties of their position, including coordinating multi-disciplinary team (MDT) meetings, the provision of mandatory reporting training, running inter-agency councils, and promoting trainings offered to child abuse investigative professionals around the state.
- **Ms. Cindi Nannetti** suggested the upcoming CJC training should be extended statewide, including coordinators from non-grant funded child and family advocacy centers who conduct similar

activities. The committee members agreed this would be an efficient way to expand outreach to the state.

CJA Coordinators National Meeting

- **Mr. Selover** advised that he and **Ms. Schopen** attended the national coordinators meeting in July 2018.
- **Ms. Schopen**, Co-Chair, stated it was interesting to see how other states utilized their CJA funds and how they conducted various activities, such as training and how other states coordinate MDTs. She added that several state representatives discussed the idea of creating a speakers bureau to share conference presenters.
- **Ms. Schopen**, Co-Chair, also stated she was impressed with one state's development of an app that provides less-experienced professionals with instruction on terms, commonly used acronyms and other helpful information. **Ms. Schopen** stated she believes this would be helpful for those who attend collaborative meetings, when many different system specific terms are used.

Call to the Public

- **Ms. Schopen**, Co-Chair, made a call to the public. No comment was delivered by the public.

Adjourn

- **Ms. Schopen**, Co-Chair, called for adjournment.
 - Ms. Kallal moved to adjourn the meeting.
 - Mr. Hood seconded the motion.
- The motion passed with no dissenting votes. The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Dated August 27, 2018
AJJC Children's Justice Committee
Submitted by Steve Selover. GOYFF Program Administrator